

# Nationals' First Baseman Has Tonsils Lanced---Will Go On Hunting Trip

## NATIONALS' CRACK FIRST BASEMAN HAS TONSILS REMOVED

Gandil Bothered Toward End  
Of Year With Throat  
Ailment.

TO BRING FAMILY  
HERE IN SPRING

Bresnahan Gets Release, But Will  
Fight To Get Money  
Due Him.

By "SENATOR"

"Chick" Gandil, the Nationals' crack first baseman, has had his tonsils removed, according to advices from Riverport, La., today, and, as soon as he recovers sufficiently, will take a long hunting trip into the back country.

Gandil's game was bothered considerably toward the end of the past season by ill health, and it was decided by physicians that he would be much better were he without his pestiferous tonsils. He intended undergoing an operation at the Georgetown University Hospital just after the opening of the world's series, but the sudden illness of Mrs. Gandil forced him to hurry home without it. Evidently he held to his original purpose, though, and should report in better condition next spring than he did in 1912.

The big first baseman plans to bring his family to Washington in March, before he goes on the training trip, and engage quarters in the Chevy Chase section for the season. He has purchased an automobile and will use it in traveling from his home to the park and back.

Bresnahan Released.

Roger Bresnahan has received his unconditional release from the St. Louis Cardinals, but insists that he will continue to fight it out to obtain the balance of the money due him. His contract has three years to run and entitles him to \$10,000 a year and 10 percent of the profits of the club. This looks very good to Roger and he will very probably carry his argument to the national commission. If the president provided by Joe Kelley in Houston and Billy Murray in Philadelphia, the high court of baseball will arrange a compromise by which Bresnahan will get a fat slice of money and a new job somewhere else.

Today it is rumored in New York that Bresnahan will succeed "Bad to the Bone" Dahlgren as the head of the Brooklyn club. With Bresnahan a free agent, as he will be in ten days, he will cost the Brooklyn club nothing and will be a ten-strike for C. Hercules Ebbetts, the former giant backstop in a favorite in New York and will attract much money to the club.

However, nothing will be known for a certainty in this matter for a while longer. Frank Chance has been mentioned for the Brooklyn berth and Ebbetts means to get as much advertising out of the mystery as he can.

No Trade in Sight.

No trades are yet in sight involving the Chicago, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia National League clubs. "Chick" Gandil is in hidden somewhere in New York or Philadelphia, and it is said that he is going all the way to cover up his absence until the time comes for the grand coup. One of his acts has been to close the trap door on Fogel's daily dialogues with himself. Fogel hasn't given out an official statement for nearly one day.

Much interest is felt in the movements of Murphy, as it is felt that he will work some sort of a trade that will land Mike Doohan, the Phillies' crack shortstop, in the camp of the Cubs. Just what player of the three clubs will figure in the deal cannot be learned, as all concerned have stopped being interviewed.

Manager Clark Griffith is still in Montana, and hopes to cast his little vote for F. R. next Tuesday. The scrappy manager of the Climbers is an ardent admirer of the Bull Moose.

Among others, Harry Hinchman, the former National League pitcher, is mentioned for the St. Paul club, of the American Association, next season.

Ed Walsh, one of the greatest pitchers in the game today, still attributes his success to luck. Ed has a rabbit's foot with him every time he pitches a game.

Scott Arthur Fox of the New York Highlanders, says that Duke Stahl will be a bench manager the coming season.

Forrest, the first baseman of the Dallas team of the Texas league, has been sold to the Chattanooga club of the Southern league.

They had come here for the Pacific Coast league tonight. Oakland won the race by taking two games of a double bill with Los Angeles. The final standing of the league is: Oakland .561, Vernon .537, Oakland won the pennant by a fraction of a game.

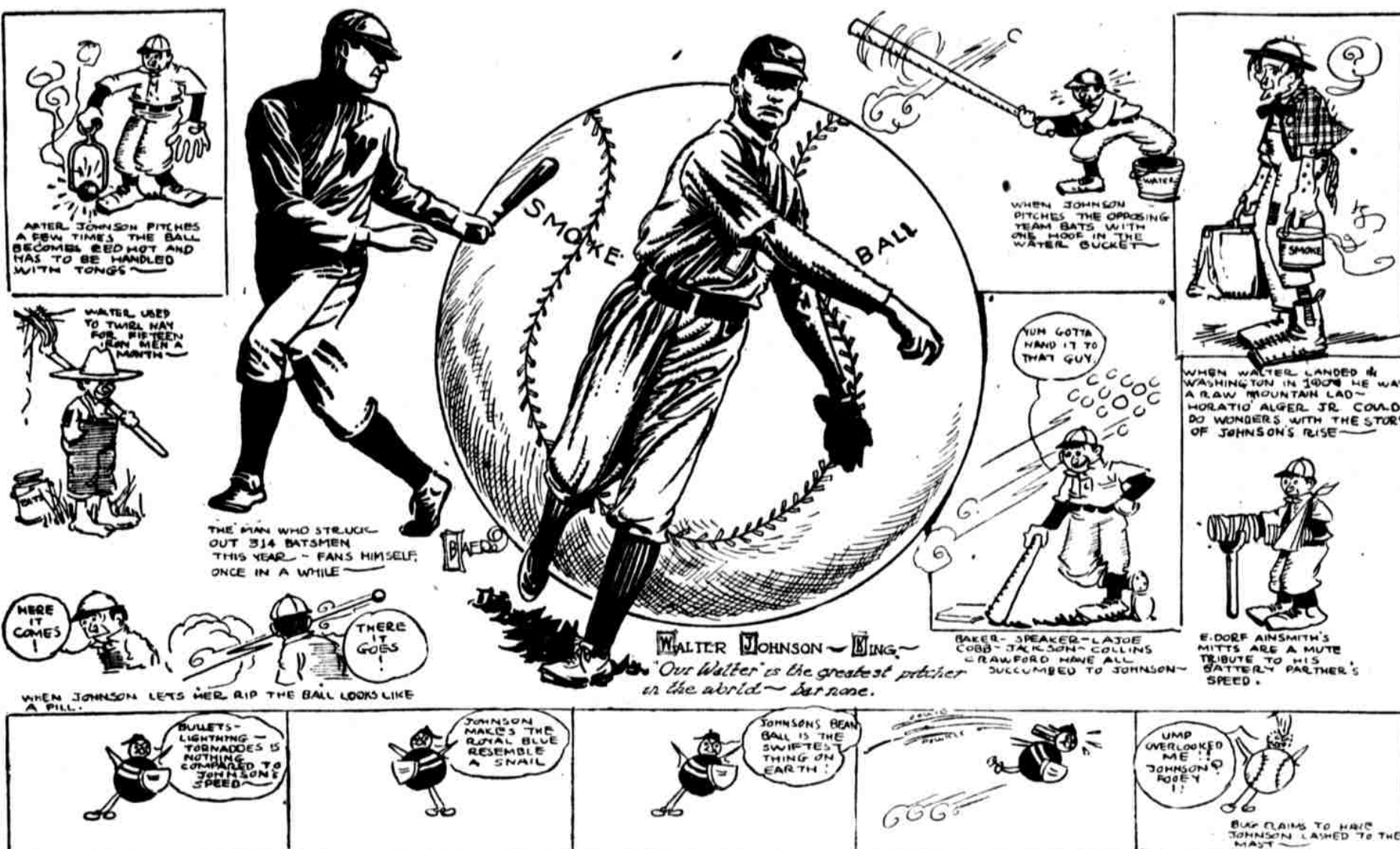
Hoodoo Always Follows  
Big Series First Sackers

The hoodoo surely follows world series first-sackers. In 1906 Jiggs Donohue played with the Sox. Two years later he was sent away. Claude Rossman, in 1907, held down first for Detroit. Jennings traded him two years later. Abstein held down first base for the Pirates in 1909. He was let out the following spring. In 1909 Tom Jones covered the initial sack for Detroit. He was held but one year. Harry Davis and Frank Chance covered first for the opposing teams. Harry no longer plays with the Athletics, while Chance was deposed as manager of the Cubs.

Americans Are Sending  
Thoroughbreds to France

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Rock Sand, the great sire of thoroughbred running horses imported by August Belmont a few years ago, is today en route to France. Arriving here this morning in a special car from Lexington, he will be put on board an Atlantic Transport Line steamer tomorrow and will be shipped to France. Belmont purchased the horse in England for \$125,000. He sold the animal to a syndicate of Americans for \$150,000. The syndicate includes Clarence Mackay, Harry Payne Whitney, Frank Gould, and others who have ranking stables in France. Rock Sand is insured for \$150,000 against the dangers of the long voyage.

## As Pitcher of the National Game, Walter Johnson Has World-Wide Fame



## FROM FARMER BOY TO FAMOUS PITCHER IS TALE OF SIX YEARS

Johnson's Rise in Baseball  
World Has Been Truly  
Meteoric.

By "SENATOR"

From stacking hay under a blazing sun for fifteen small simoleons a month and to flinging a small baseball two hours a day in the big show for six months at \$7,500 per season, from hustling around in overalls and jumper year in and year out on one little farm to traveling about the land on Pullmans, wearing diamonds and silk pajamas, is the story of the rise of Walter Perry Johnson, champion pitcher of the major leagues. He has made this jump in six years, too.

In 1906 the famous twirler, then a tall, angling kid with tremendously long arms, powerful shoulders and amazing endurance of the great wide world, was in Weiser, Idaho, far up on the top of the universe. He was only eighteen years old then, but speed? Why, "speed" was Johnson's middle name. He was a town team and Johnson was its pitcher. He didn't get much money but he did get a lot of fun out of the game, which he had always liked. He was very long and Johnson always managed to arrive home in time to help his father with the hay. He was a "busher" then, the worst looking "busher" in the country, too.

He Lost Money.

"I lost money instead of making it when I pitched my first game of ball," he later remarked the "peerless pitcher" to the writer one day last summer, as the train rushed along through the fertile fields of Ohio, bound for St. Louis. Two days before he had fought his now famous pitching duel with Joe Wood, the Red Sox star. "Yes, it cost me money, but I didn't care. I was so anxious to show what I could do. I had been trying to get a job everywhere, and was delighted when I got a telegram from the manager of a team just outside of Los Angeles, where I was a pitcher. He offered me \$2.00."

Went to Weiser.

"It was after that that I went to Weiser. It was awful hot in Weiser, and I never would have been able to endure the heat except for my farm training. I won a lot of games for Weiser. You see, I always had a lot of fun. I didn't have much else then. I'd just wind up and let it go, and I used to keep the batters and catchers and sometimes the people in the stand jumping around whenever I'd let go. You see, I was pretty wild then."

I was in Weiser two seasons. It wasn't in regular league. We'd play teams from other towns more for fun.

Some Johnson Facts.

Wins thirty-two and loses twelve games for third highest mark.

Pitches a one-hit game, three two-hit games, and three three-hit games.

Strikes out 314 batsmen, passes 92, and yields 259 hits.

Wins seven shutout victories and loses three of them.

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Is Real American.

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And maybe Walter doesn't love that mother of his back in Coffeyville, Kan. Not a week goes by in the summer when he is traveling around winning honors in the big show that he does not write her a long letter, keeping her informed of his health and how he is succeeding in baseball.

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than anything else. It advertised the town. When I decided to join the Washington club my friends came to me and offered to set me up in business. If I'd done that, I'd have had a little tobacco store. I suppose I'd have made a living, but the Washington offer was for more money than I had ever dreamed of, so I took it. Weiser was very much down in the mouth at losing its great pitcher, but after the good folks of that mountain town learned with what success Johnson was building up a career for himself in the American league, they admitted that he had been right in leaving them. Last summer they sent one of their number all the way to Chicago with a message of good luck, signed by every able-bodied citizen in the town, and the good citizen whose proud duty it was to bring that message to the great pitcher couldn't keep back the tears from his eyes, so happy was he. And, also, Johnson wasn't the least bit ashamed of the mountain, either. He didn't notice the funny little how tie, nor the soft, colorless, characterless shirt, nor the country-made clothes. All he knew was that the man was his friend in his youth, and he welcomed him. This made a deep impression upon the twirler, too. It might be said, Johnson's manner of greeting the man from Idaho.

Was Very Green.

Johnson was very green when he arrived in Washington. He was, of course, photographed, and one day last summer he was shown that early picture.

"Gee, did I look like that?" he laughed to the writer. "I must have been pretty green, don't you think?"

Indeed, Johnson was the greenest rookie ever seen in the big show when he marched up Pennsylvania avenue. His clothes didn't fit him, neither did his shoes. He was gawky and angular—but he certainly could pitch. He was a pronounced success from the start and has been ever since. He will probably reach even greater heights when it is his good fortune to appear in a world's series, for then his wonderful strength and endurance will be seen in all its power.

"I wish you'd let people know," remarked Johnson that day in the train to the writer. "I'm not a Swede. I wouldn't care much about being

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Georgetown team today following yester-  
day's hard scrimmage at the Hill-  
top in preparation for the game with  
North Carolina at Richmond tomorrow.  
The coaches will have signal practice  
today, only the lightest sort of work  
being in order.

It is expected that the team will leave  
for the Virginia capital tomorrow on  
an early train in time to get a thorough  
resting up before the contest with the  
Tarheels. In all probability a number  
of the followers of the Blue and Gray  
will take the trip.

Many injuries and a depleted squad  
are reported today. White, Murray,  
Dunn, who was laid low yesterday  
during scrimmage; Reinhold and Van  
Broeklin will be unable to play against  
North Carolina tomorrow, according  
to reports.

According to information given out  
yesterday, Derby, with Donnelly and  
Begin, will be used on the ends. Per-  
trett and Hegarty will be placed at the  
tackles, with Barton and Moriarty at  
the guards. Ritch will play center.  
Harry Costello will be on the job as  
quarterback, and is expected to show  
the Richmond people something in the  
way of brilliant running.

The backfield, with so many regulars  
out on account of injuries, is a problem.  
Fury will be seen at half, his work yester-  
day in scrimmage being one of the  
features of the practices at the Hilltop  
this season. Van Dyne, Kelly, Cam-  
pazal, and Foley will fight it out for the  
other positions, with Foley getting the  
call at fullback.

Instructions in rudimentary football  
were given by both Coaches Bennis and  
Gargan yesterday before scrimmage.  
Gargan showed the men how to pick  
off the interference and Bennis had the  
linemen charging through for more  
than a half hour. Two teams lined up  
for about an hour before a halt was  
called.

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